

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A gaming machine including:

a game medium insertion part through which a game medium is inserted in a cabinet, the game medium insertion part being provided in the cabinet;

a game medium accumulating part for accumulating the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part in the cabinet; and

a straddling device for straddling the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to one of the game medium accumulating part and a game medium paying out part;

wherein the straddling device includes;

a straddling member rotatably supported in the cabinet, the straddling member having a first guiding part through which the game medium is guided to the game medium accumulating part and a second guiding part through which the game medium is guided to the game medium paying out part; and

a driving device for rotating the straddling member;

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the game medium accumulating part through the first guiding part or to the game medium paying out part through the second guiding part, according to rotational state of the straddling member rotated by the driving device.

2. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the driving device rotates the straddling member between a first rotational position and a second rotational position,

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the

game medium accumulating part through the first guiding part while retained in the first rotational position by the driving device; and

wherein the straddling member straddles the game medium to the game medium paying out part through the second guiding part while  
5 retained in the second rotational position by the driving device.

3. The gaming machine according to claim 2, wherein the gaming machine comprises:

a first guide path for guiding the game medium inserted from the  
10 game medium insertion part to the straddling device;

a second guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part from the straddling device; and

a third guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium paying out part from the straddling device.

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4. The gaming machine according to claim 3, further comprising:

a door arranged in front of the cabinet so as to be able to open and close;

a frame arranged at a rear side of the door; and

20 a game medium guide member arranged in the frame;

wherein the first guide path is formed in the game medium guide member.

5. The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the first guiding  
25 part formed in the straddling member comprises a part of the second guidepath when the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position.

6. The gaming machine according to claim 3, wherein the second guiding part formed in the straddling member comprises a part of the third guide path when the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position.

7. The gaming machine according to claim 5, wherein the first guiding part of the straddling member is constructed of a tubular guiding part formed in the straddling member.

8. The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes an opening of the third guide path when the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position.

9. The gaming machine according to claim 7, wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes an opening of the second guide path when the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position.

10. The gaming machine according to claim 4, further comprising:  
a retaining member installed adjacent to the game medium guide member in the frame;

support shafts formed on both side walls of the straddling member so as to outwardly project from the side walls, the support shafts being rotatably supported in the retaining member;

wherein the straddling member is rotatably supported in the

retaining member by the support shafts.

11. The gaming machine according to claim 10, further comprising:  
extension parts each of which is extended from the side wall of  
5 the straddling member;  
connecting hole formed in the extension part;  
a magnetic solenoid with a movable rod, the magnetic solenoid  
being installed in the retaining member; and  
a connecting shaft for connecting an end of the movable rod and  
10 the connecting hole;  
wherein the straddling member is rotated around the support shafts  
by moving the movable rod to magnetize the magnetic solenoid.

12. The gaming machine according to claim 10, wherein the support shafts  
15 are positioned at a substantially right under position of a fall position  
of the game medium falling from the first guide path after guided thereby.

13. The gaming machine according to claim 10, further comprising:  
a detecting device for detecting whether the game medium is true  
20 or not, the detecting device being installed in the retaining member;  
wherein the straddling member is retained to the first rotational  
position by the driving device when the detecting device detects that  
the game medium is true, and  
wherein the straddling member is retained to the second rotational  
25 position by the driving device when the detecting device detects that  
the game medium is not true.

14. The gaming machine according to claim 1, wherein the straddling member is made of light hard synthetic resin material and is formed into one-piece construction.

5 15. A gaming machine including:

a game medium insertion part through which a game medium is inserted in a cabinet, the game medium insertion part being provided in the cabinet;

10 a game medium accumulating part for accumulating the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part in the cabinet;

a straddling device for straddling the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to one of the game medium accumulating part and a game medium paying out part;

15 a first guide path for guiding the game medium inserted from the game medium insertion part to the straddling device;

a second guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part from the straddling device; and

a third guide path for guiding the game medium to the game medium paying out part from the straddling device;

20 wherein the straddling device includes;

a straddling member rotatably supported in the cabinet, the straddling member having a tubular guiding part for guiding the game medium to the game medium accumulating part; and

a driving device for rotating the straddling member;

25 wherein the driving device rotates the straddling member between a first rotational position and a second rotational position,

wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member opposes

to an opening of the second guide path and closes an opening of the third guide path while the straddling member is retained to the first rotational position by the driving device, thereby the game medium is straddled to the game medium accumulating part through the first guide path, the tubular guiding part and the second guide path, and wherein the tubular guiding part of the straddling member closes the opening of the second guide path while the straddling member is retained to the second rotational position by the driving device, thereby the game medium is straddled to the game medium paying out part through the first guide path, an outer wall of the tubular guiding part and the third guide path.